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31. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim
15, wherein the C layer comprises a polyester.

32. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim
15, wherein the C layer comprises the same polymer as the B layer.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to conform with standard United States Patent practice.

New claims has been added to cover an embodiment deleted by the amendment to claim 3 and to define the C layer in claim 15.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 15, 16 and 27 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1
[~~or 2~~], wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

15. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 14
comprising [~~a film (A layer) according to Claim 1 laminated as one
of the outermost layers of the base layer (B layer), and~~] another
film (C layer) laminated as the opposite outermost layer to form a
laminated structure comprising at least three layers including the
A layer, the B layer and the C layer.

16. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15
[~~14~~], wherein [~~the~~] a surface roughness Ra_A on the A layer side is
0.2 to 10 nm, [~~the~~] a surface roughness Ra_C on the C layer side is
1 to 30 nm, and Ra_C is larger than Ra_A .

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27. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium comprising a biaxially oriented film according to ~~[any one of Claims 1 to 26]~~ Claim 1, and a magnetic layer provided on one side of the biaxially oriented film.

The following new claims 30 to 32 have been added to the application:

30. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 2, wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

31. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein the C layer comprises a polyester.

32. (New) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein the C layer comprises the same polymer as the B layer.